

Proclamation *Presented*

In Recognition of Pollinator Week in Hawai'i

WHEREAS, Pollinator Week was first designated by the U.S. Senate and U.S. Department of Agriculture in June of 2007 and has been promoted annually by the Pollinator Partnership to address the urgent issue of declining pollinator populations; and

WHEREAS, Pollinator Week in Hawai'i is sponsored in the State of Hawai'i Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Pollinator Week has become an international celebration of the invaluable ecosystem services provided by bees, birds, butterflies, bats and beetles; and

WHEREAS, Pollinator Week raises awareness on the vital role pollination plays in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for our communities; and

WHEREAS, Pollinator Week reminds us of the significant environmental benefits provided by pollinator species that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Pollinator Week recognizes pollinator species, such as birds and insects, as essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; locally, bees are particularly important pollinators for our macadamia nut and coffee industries; and


WHEREAS, Pollinator Week encourages citizens to become mindful of the habitats and public lands, such as forests and grasslands, and the conservation assistance provided by the State of Hawai'i to producers to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 18-24, 2012, as

“HAWAII POLLINATOR WEEK”

and encourage citizens of the Aloha State to recognize and pay tribute to the important role pollinators play in our efforts for long term agricultural sustainability.

DONE, at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of April, 2012.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i